Funds for Short Duration films to Private Film companies

1640. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether her Ministry has granted funds for short duration films to some private sector film companies;

(b) if so, the fact and the details thereof;

(c) whether rules have been flouted in granting funds to private sector film companies;

(d) if so, the criteria laid down or followed for granting funds to film companies; and

(e) the persons responsible for such flouting of rules and further action contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes.

(b) An amount of Rs. 19.95 lakhs has so far been released to 13 producers who have been sanctioned 22 films of duration ranging from 5 minutes to 27 minutes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The criteria for selection of film companies include company profile, past experience and quality of scripts. The selection of producers/companies has generally been made/approved by a Committee headed by Secretary/ Additional Secretary. The selected film companies are asked to submit scripts on the subjects on which films are to be made and the scripts are examined and approved on the basis of thematic content and general treatment of the subject. The private film producers/companies so selected are paid 50% advance as per the rate card of DAVP.

(e) Question does not arise.

Plan for Street Children in Rajasthan

1641. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether government have any plan for the street children in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, how do Government want to solve their problem;

(d) whether the State Government is supposed to do anything in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Under the Ministry's Scheme for Welfare of Street Children up to 90 per cent grant-in-aid are being provided to Non-Governmental Organisations in different parts of the country including Rajasthan for the care and rehabilitation of street children. Assistance is also being provided to State Governments under the Ministry's Scheme for Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment for the care, protection, treatment, development and rehabilitation of neglected and delinquent juveniles including street children. Under the scheme the expenditure is shared on 50:50 basis between the Central Government and the State Government concerned.

Amendment in the Disability Act

1642. DR. B.B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Disability Act to expand its scope and provide income-tax rebate to parents of disabled children; and